

CITY CLUB SUGGESTS
FEWER ALDERMEN

Recommends That Charter Be
Limited to Organic
Functions.

HOME RULE FEATURED

Administrative Code Subject
to Local Amendment
Considered.

Making the granting of an adequate
measure of home rule for New York
city its fundamental requirement, the
City Club has submitted to the Charter
Revision Commission a carefully pre-
pared report on the entire field, in the
course of which it recommends:

Removal from the charter (which
may be changed only by the State Leg-
islature) of all except the basic prin-
ciples and grants of power.

Establishment of an administrative
code, of ordinances, subject to local
amendment by the Board of Aldermen,
with the concurrence of the Mayor.

Reduction of the number of Aldermen
from sixty-five to twenty or twenty-one,
with a possible increase in salary to at-
tract higher class candidates.

Strengthening the Board of Estimate
along the line of its major appropriating
and planning functions and freeing
of members from other distractions.

Taking from the Borough Presidents
all except their Board of Estimate du-
ties.

Substitution of borough administra-
tors or managers, appointed by the
Mayor, to handle the administrative
matters now in the hands of the Bor-
ough Presidents.

City Planning Commission.

Establishment of a city planning
commission of eleven members, to be
made up of the five Borough Presidents
and six unalarmed lay members to be
appointed by the Mayor for overlapping
terms of six years each.

Abolition of the Sinking Fund Com-
mission and vesting of its functions in
the Board of Estimate.

Continuation of the grant to the
Mayor of great executive powers and
the fixing upon him of direct and full
administrative responsibility.

Relieving the Comptroller from cer-
tain extraneous duties, such as the Bu-
reau for the Collection of City Revenue,
the Bureau for the Collection of Taxes
and the Bureau for the Collection of
Assessments and Arrears.

Establishment of a treasury depart-
ment to take over those bureaus and
also the Bureau for the Collection of
Water Revenue, now under the Water
Department, the collection of dock and
market rents, the receipt of all license
fees and the collection of revenue from
leases and concessions granted by the
various departments.

Establishment of a department of
hospitals and homes to handle the man-
agement of all city hospitals and
various homes and institutions now un-
der the Welfare Department, except the
Municipal Lodging House, which should
remain, and the Home for Feeble
Minded on Randall's Island, which
should go to the State. Supervision of
all ambulance service to be given to
this department.

Combination of the Board of Child
Welfare, now a separate organization,
with the Department of Welfare.

Revision of Police Control.

Extension of the jurisdiction of the
Tenement House Department over board-
ing and rooming houses, indeed all
dwelling houses except strictly private
one family houses.

Extension of the term of the Police
Commissioner to eight or ten years, sub-
ject him to removal only by the Gov-
ernor or the Mayor upon charges and
after public hearing.

Abolition of the License Department
and the distribution of its functions—
the collection of all license fees to the
treasury department, the power to ap-
prove or disapprove, suspend or revoke
a license to the department most con-
cerned with the supervision of the par-
ticular activity.

Removal from the charter of most of
the educational provisions on the ground
they have been superseded by the State
educational law.

Removal from the Department of
Water Supply, Gas and Electricity its
duties relating to the street two subjects.

Reduction of number of Tax Commis-
sioners from seven to three. Appoint-
ment of the Civil Service Commis-
sioners for overlapping terms of six
years each.

Recommendations for Economy.

At the end of the report there is a
discussion of the separate county gov-
ernment in each of the five counties
making up the city, with the declara-
tion that it is wholly unequipped to city
conditions. Much of the \$10,000,000 it
costs to operate these five governments
could be saved under proper organiza-
tion, it is declared. Much could be
remedied by legislation, but much
would need constitutional amendment.

It is suggested that the following reme-
dies are worthy of careful considera-
tion: Abolish Sheriffs, giving peace
duties to police and jail duties to De-
partment of Correction, do away with
Commissioner of Records, give listing
of all salaries to Board of Estimate,
consolidation of local courts, initiating
of steps to consolidate five counties into
one and an amendment to the constitu-
tion permitting counties within a city to
be consolidated or abolished by statute.

The City Club has been making a

study of the structure and function of
the local government for a period of
seven months through the following
committee: Frederick H. Whitt, chair-
man; Albert B. Hadlock, vice-chair-
man; Clement J. Briscoe, John T.
Fetherston, John P. Fox, John H. John-
son, Rufus E. McAdams, Martin Saxe,
Albert Shiele, Frank L. Well, Frank B.
Williams, Nelson S. Spencer, ex officio,
and Raymond V. Ingersoll, secretary.

It is improbable that the Charter
Commission will consider the City
Club's suggestions on Tuesday after-
noon in the offices of Comptroller
Craig, when Edward J. McDermid,
counsel, will submit some recommendations
of the fundamental principles of a
charter at the suggestion of Mayor
Fitch, who said he could not waste
any time on charter work unless it
could be assured that home rule would
be its basis.

CITY'S DEBT IS NOT
AFFECTED BY SALE
Proceeds From Stock to Retire
Short Term Notes.

The \$5,000,000 issue of long term cor-
porate stock sold Thursday does not in
any way increase New York city's debt,
according to a statement issued yester-
day by Comptroller Craig, because the
proceeds are to be used exclusively to
retire the short term revenue notes which
have already been charged against the
debt limit. The net debt at the present
time, he said, exclusive of self-suppor-
ting bonds, is \$770,616,768. Giving
figures showing the increase in the debt
Comptroller Craig added:

"By far the greater part of the in-
crease in the gross debt is for self-sup-
porting undertakings, such as docks and
water supply, so the increase in the net
debt is more than offset by the gain in
revenue producing properties."

"Besides the issue of \$5,000,000 bonds
sold on Thursday's bidding, an approxi-
mate equal amount of corporate stock
and serial bonds is being sold by the
Comptroller to the various sinking funds
and pension funds."

"The result is there will be no further
public offering of long term bonds for
at least two years, except that approxi-
mately \$45,000,000 of bonds may be
issued prior to that time for refunding
a like amount of outstanding corporate
stock notes. Such sale, however, will
not be undertaken until the latter part
of 1922 unless conditions prior thereto
make it possible and desirable for the
city to sell corporate stock bearing in-
terest at the rate 4 1/2 per cent. or less."

90,000 PEOPLE HAVE \$16
LEFT OF \$28,332,089Report of Cooperative Society
of America Filed.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Ninety thousand
people who subscribed \$28,332,089,46
to the Cooperative Society of America
have only \$16 in the treasury of that
concern to show for their money if the
fraudulent scheme of Harrison W. Parker,
head of the society, are to stand.
According to a preliminary report filed in
the United States Court to-day by the
Central Trust Company of Illinois, re-
ceiver for the enterprise.

The report accuses Parker of false
testimony under oath during the pro-
ceedings to discover assets for the thou-
sands of subscribers in his concern.

Parker's wife, Mrs. Edith Seabrook
Parker, and Charles O. Higgins, a near
relative, neither of whom paid anything
for their stock, are the chief bene-
ficiaries of Parker's deals by reason
of their ownership of the Great Western
Securities Corporation, the report says.

VERDICT IN KIRBY
DEATH CASE SEALEDFate of Michigan Woman to
Be Known To-morrow.

ADRIAN, Mich., Dec. 17.—A verdict
was reached early to-night by the jury
in the case of Mrs. Mattie Kirby, reform
leader, charged with manslaughter in
connection with the alleged slaying of
her infant grandson.

The finding of the jury, upon instruc-
tions of Judge Burton Hart, was sealed
and will be reported to the court Monday
morning.

The jurors' instructions provided that
the reaching of a verdict would auto-
matically excuse them until 9 o'clock
Monday and most of them went im-
mediately to their homes. No statement
was made by any of the jurors as to
the basis for their long deliberations.

ROOSEVELT EXTOLLED
IN FRENCH ACADEMY

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Associated Press).—
Details of the life of the late Col. Theod-
ore Roosevelt were brought to the at-
tention of the Academy of Moral and
Political Sciences at its annual open
sitting to-day by Charles Lyon-Caen,
permanent secretary. Col. Roosevelt
was elected a member of the academy in
1909.

"Few Presidencies have been marked
with such a number of acts and events
fortunate for the United States, and
often also for other countries, as that
of Col. Roosevelt," declared the speaker.
Referring to Col. Roosevelt's actions
during the war, he declared that with
the outbreak of the war in 1914 one of
its most glorious periods in the life of
the former President started.

DR. HAVILAND APPOINTED.

ALBANY, Dec. 17.—Gov. Miller to-day
announced the appointment of Dr. C.
Floyd Haviland of Albany as a State
Hospital Commissioner to fill the va-
cancy caused by the resignation of Dr.
Charles W. Pilgrim.

TRANSIT BOARD HAS
\$200,000,000 PLAN

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for the additional transit facilities the
immediate future will require.

"I have the honor, therefore, to invite
your attendance at the session on Mon-
day next, the 19th instant, at any hour
that may prove most convenient to you.
You may be assured that whatever as-
sistance you may be able to give the
commission at this stage of its work
will be very much appreciated."

Neither the Mayor nor the Com-
ptroller uttered a word yesterday to in-
dicate whether they expected to accept
or reject, or ignore the invitation to con-
sult with the body whose legitimacy
they have disputed and have contested
in the courts. Should they decide not
to accept it, there is no likelihood the
commission will attempt to force the is-
sue by process of subpoena, as it did in
the case of the Interborough directors.

Grover A. Whalen, Commissioner of
Plant and Structures, who preferred a
subpoena to an invitation and was ac-
commodated, has said he will be in at-
tendance at 2:30 to-morrow afternoon
to speak for the Staten Island Midland
Railway, which he is operating for the
city.

Legal minds were in grave doubt yes-
terday concerning just how the Mayor
is going to make good his threat to "get
a reliable concern" to operate buses at
a five cent fare in the same streets now
served by the Fifth Avenue Coach Com-
pany. Over the essential stem of the
Fifth Avenue Coach Company's system—
namely, the avenue from Washington
Park to Fifty-ninth street—it holds an
exclusive franchise and one which when
first granted to the corporation of which
this was the legatee was granted in per-
petuity.

In half a dozen instances in this bor-
ough and Brooklyn the courts already
have ousted summarily city jitney bus
lines which undertook to operate with-
out due authority on streets merely par-
alleling thoroughfares for the use of
which surface trolley lines held fran-
chises. In no case has such an impro-
vised service been permitted to operate
in the same street for which a car
company already held franchise rights.

The law has held repeatedly that in
matters of competition or of franchise
violation street cars and buses stand on
the same plane.

Even if these obstacles could be over-
come the Mayor's promised five cent
bus line can never legally raise dust in
Fifth avenue until after it has received a
"certificate of convenience and neces-
sity" at the hands of the State Transit
Commission. It is fair to add that the
Mayor qualified his position by stating
that he was going to do these things "as
soon as possible."

ARMY HAS OWN WIRELESS.

As a means of economy, the United
States Army is communicating most of
its messages between stations by radio
instead of telegraph. The messages are
sent and received by soldier operators
of the Signal Corps, and the hundreds of
messengers necessary to the administration
of the army now cost the Government
nothing except the time of the soldiers
involved and the slight cost of operation.

CURRENCY REFORM
FOR EUROPE URGED

Frank A. Vanderlip Sees Need
of International Economic
Conference.

Frank A. Vanderlip, speaking last
night at a dinner given at the Hotel
Commodore by the Bankers' Forum of
the local chapter of the American In-
stitute of Banking, described the finan-
cial structure of the Central European
countries as "progressively bad and
without a single curative measure at
work", and made a plea for the estab-
lishment of a new currency in Europe
which should be controlled by a system

similar to the Federal Reserve Bank of
the United States.

Mr. Vanderlip first suggested the
scheme while he was on a trip to Eu-
rope more than two months ago. He
subsequently elaborated upon it, explain-
ing it in detail. His speech last night
was at once an explanation and a de-
fense.

"The scheme is being seriously con-
sidered," said Mr. Vanderlip. "There
are objections and difficulties, but pre-
sent conditions in Europe are so bad
that there must be a start. I doubt
if any European nation would be will-
ing to adopt it now. They are puzzled;
they don't understand our financial
system. Its adoption can only follow
the recommendation of some great in-
ternational economic conference. One
such conference already has been held
in Brussels, and it was a great one.
In that it furnished longer term credits.
The next one should be more general.
It should take in the former enemy
Powers and ourselves.
"One could hardly expect America to

call such a conference; because the rest
of the world would then expect us to
furnish the remedies, but deterioration
is coming so rapidly in Europe that a
significant disturbance can be forestalled
only by getting together and formulat-
ing a constructive plan to save her.
"The world should look with hope to
an international economic conference,
and it ought to come at a pretty early
date, for nothing curative is at work
in Europe. On the surface things are
better—there is less starvation, and
more people are at work—but under-
neath is a rotten financial condition that
will carry things to a crisis in a short
time."

Col. Robert E. McAdams of Rich-
mond, Va., president of the American
Bankers' Association, said he thought
the rehabilitation of the railroads
should be this first step toward the res-
toration of normal conditions in the
United States. Other speakers were
Robert E. Locke, president of the Amer-
ican Institute of Banking; Frank C.
Metz, Jr., chairman of the Bankers'
Forum, and William Felck, president of
the New York chapter of the institute.

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woman who exults in the many gaieties of the social season
will be instantly captivated by this charmingly piquant
evening or dinner gown.

Beaded Canton Crepe Dress
69.50

Charmingly becoming model featuring softly draped side
panels and sleeves lined with contrasting colored Silk
Canton Crepe. Scintillating black beads in decidedly dif-
ferent motif serve to accent the smart lines as well as
hand-made flowers at waistline to match lining on panels.

Beaded Georgette Dinner Gown
55.00

An all over floral design, outlined with glittering glass
beads, against a background of Georgette Crepe, in the
new evening shades, effect a most admirable dinner gown.
A narrow panel at either side extending from the bodice
to hemline falls gracefully into a novel drape. The new
oval neck and narrow beaded sash are all that is needed
to complete this enchanting model.

Silk Crepe Roma Dress
49.50

Silk Crepe Roma—the newly acclaimed fabric of to-day—
chosen for this delectable model with front and long
pointed side panels achieves individual artistry in the
choice of Paisley for the long sleeves and insertions down
front panel and wide border around bottom of the skirt at
back. Diamond inserts on the Paisley sleeves are finished
with narrow bands fastening daintily at wrist. The wide
crushed girdle deftly draped around waist adds another
touch of distinction to this exquisite model.

New fur trimmed capes and coats in
many new daytime and evening models.

Reversible Chiffon Velvet Cape
75.00

A reversible evening cape is indispensable in the fashionable
woman's wardrobe, as she may vary the complexion of her
attire at each occasion. The simplicity of this engaging
model is delicately relieved by the smartly shirred collar
of self material. Obtainable in Black and American Beauty
or Black and Sapphire Blue.

Iceland Fox Fur Trimmed Cape
49.50

Taking its inspiration from romantic Spain, this brilliant
evening cape of lustrous, English Velvet is enriched with
smart collar of White or Platinum Iceland Fox fur and two
rows of long silk fringe which impart distinction as well
as smartness. Beautifully lined and warmly interlined.

Caracul Trimmed Winter Coat
98.50

Unsurpassed in smartness is this late winter coat of soft,
rich Pollyanna lavished with large muffler collar, deep
cuffs on Jenny sleeves and unusually wide border on bot-
tom of Black or Platinum Caracul fur—fashion's most
accepted trimming for late winter coats. Attractively
silk lined throughout and warmly interlined.

Wolf Collared & Cuffed Coat
78.00

This warm comfortable coat of fine Normandy Bolivia
trimmed with handsome shawl collar and broad cuffs of
Platinum Wolf fur will particularly appeal to the fashionable
woman or miss who seeks smartness and practicability in a
coat at nominal cost. The back is delicately trimmed with
silk stitching and large embroidered arrowhead. Ex-
quisitely silk lined and warmly interlined.

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Heavy Radium Silk bloomers, hemstitched
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ions. In Flesh color or White.

Embroidered Radium
Silk Camisoles
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Radium Silk camisoles hemstitched and
embroidered in neat designs. Obtainable
in Flesh color or White.

Crepe Back Satin Chemises
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Crepe Back Satin chemises with Calais
lace and real Filet medallions. All the
newest shades.

Envelope Beaded Bags
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ingly colored beads in contrasting shades
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